

U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

615 Chestnut Street Suite 1250 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106-4476 (215) 861-8200

For Immediate Release

August 9, 2011

PHILADELPHIA MAN SENTENCED TO 107 YEARS FOR ARMED ROBBERIES

PHILADELPHIA - Devon Brinkley, 24, of Philadelphia, was sentenced today to 1285 months (107 years plus one month) in prison for a spate of armed robberies in October 2008, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. Brinkley and his co-defendants robbed two Dunkin' Donuts shops in Philadelphia, a Dunkin' Donuts and a Pizza Hut in Upper Darby, and a McDonald's in Radnor over a nine day period. He was convicted May 11, 2011 of all 11 counts, including five counts of Hobbs Act Robbery, five counts of carrying and using a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, and one count of conspiracy.

In each of the five robberies, Brinkley and his co-conspirators entered the businesses with guns drawn, threatening all employees and customers present, forcing them to the floor and stealing money from cash registers and safes. The victims testified that they were terrified. In one robbery, a female employee was struck in the head with a gun, then forced into an office to open the safe. Another female employee testified that she believed she would be raped and murdered by the robbers because there was not enough money for them to steal. Another employee testified to being so traumatized that she could no longer work the closing shift and suffered sleepless nights and nightmares after the robbery. Brinkley's co-defendants - Lukner Rene, Jonathan Moman, Gregory Pitt, Kebrum Teklu - previously pleaded guilty.

In addition to the prison term, U.S. District Court Judge Berle M. Schiller ordered Brinkley to pay a fine in the amount \$2,500, restitution of \$20,952, and five years supervised release.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Philadelphia Police Department, Upper Darby Police Department, Lower Merion Police Department, and the Tredyffrin Township Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Salvatore L. Astolfi.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE EASTERN DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA Suite 1250, 615 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19106 Contact: PATTY HARTMAN Media contact

215-861-8525